





Pocket Park

Location: Northwest corner of the project site, adjacent to the historic Dean Apartments (former home of Governor Jerry Brown).

Starting Point: Enter from the south end of the park, adjacent to the alley.

Ending Point: End the tour at N Street adjacent to the water feature. Remind participants to remove their security nametags and/or return to them to the security desk in the main lobby.

Park Artist: Cliff Garten - Venice, California

The Pocket Park creates as a gentle transition between the office building and the historic apartment building providing a quiet location for state workers and the surrounding community.

Central Valley indigenous landscaping was utilized with an underground irrigation system that provides water to the plant roots rather than broadcasting the water above ground and lost through evaporation.

The Central Valley's Native Americans are represented in the park design. The decorative fence reflects a children's game that used acorns and rope. Deer grass was used for basketry and clothing. A poetic Indian song is etched in the granite pavers. The same Sierra granite is used in the fountain feature.

Gray water is collected from the building drinking fountains and childcare lavatories—treated—then re-used for the water feature.

Wood benches from an FSC certified sustainable forest. FSC certifies wood products with a mission to preserve old growth forests and improve forest management on a global scale.

Biological landscape maintenance practices have been incorporated, eliminating the need for harsh pesticides. The DGS maintenance and management staff has been trained on the use of beneficial insects and organisms designed by nature to control pests. This approach carries forward the sustainable achievements made during design and construction into the day-to-day operations of the facility and is consistent with the environmental cleaning program implemented by the building custodial staff.

*See signage on south wall.